

Appl. No. 10/771,751  
Suppl. Amdt. dated November 21, 2006  
Response to Office Action dated July 28, 2006

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

After the previously submitted October 24 Amendment, claims 3-5, 7-8, 10, 12-26 were pending. Of these, claims 17-26 were withdrawn from substantive consideration by Restriction Requirement dated May 18, 2006. This paper is submitted to cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, the previously withdrawn claims 17-26.

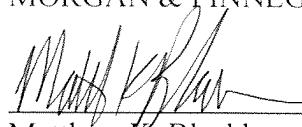
Applicants' October 24 Amendment is believed to properly address the rejections of the pending claims. Accordingly, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5275.

Respectfully submitted,  
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